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Oakdale,

SAFETY ELEMENT

*City planning
Energy, relief*

Oakdale
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A Safety Element is included in the Oakdale General Plan as specified in Government Code Sec. 65302.1 - "For the protection of the community from fires and geologic hazards including features necessary for such protection as evacuation routes, peak load water supply requirements, minimum road widths, clearances around structures, and geologic hazard mapping in areas of known geologic hazards."

The objective of this element is to introduce safety considerations in the planning process in order to reduce loss of life, injuries, damage to property, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fire and dangerous geologic occurrences.

Consideration is given to the crime prevention aspects of land use development such as planning for "defensible space."*

*Concept of urban space designed to inhibit crime by utilizing the proprietary concerns of residents. Key ingredients include: improving the natural capability of residents to visually survey the public areas of their residential environment; enhancing spheres of territorial influence within which residents can easily adopt proprietary attitude; and enhancing safety through the strategic geographic location of intensively used community facilities.

The following goals, objectives and policies are recommended.

GOALS: WHAT DOES OAKDALE WANT?

- 1.0 To promote the safe use of land and other resources.
- 2.0 To promote the prevention of crime, fire, illness and other hazards (man-made and natural).

The following objectives and policies are designed to achieve the above indicated goals of the Safety Element.

OBJECTIVES: WHAT MUST OAKDALE DO?

- 1.0 Reduce the risk of fire hazards.

POLICIES: HOW CAN OAKDALE DO THIS?

- 1.1 Maintain road and pathways so fire fighting equipment may easily travel to fire hazard areas.
- 1.2 Identify areas of high fire risk so possible mitigation procedures may be taken.
- 1.3 Establish service areas.
- 1.4 Designate areas best suited for fire stations, now and in a 20 year span.
- 1.5 Take mitigation measures to improve the City's fire rating.
- 2.0 Maintain a safe flow of traffic circulation within the Oakdale community.
 - 2.1 Initiate a proper maintenance program for all arteries of circulation under the City's maintenance program; and for additional circulation routes.
 - 2.2 Identify hazard areas in our circulation system and implement appropriate mitigation measures to reduce such hazards.
 - 2.3 Develop and implement an education program to teach children and/or adults safe bicycle and pedestrian habits.
- 3.0 Encourage the safe use of land in areas of flood potential, i.e., flood plains.
 - 3.1 Open the river, contiguous to Kerr Park, to free flow.
 - 3.2 Encourage the development of nature along the river and elsewhere, with the emphasis on encouraging a natural balance with nature.
 - 3.3 Encourage the zoning of all flood plain land as open space.
 - 3.4 Encourage the use of vegetation in flood plain areas to discourage erosion and additional detrimental effects of flooding.

4.0 Maintain safe aircraft circulation.

- 4.1 Implement an adopted airport City master plan.
- 4.2 Consider alternatives in land use/zoning regarding "forced" landings in the Oakdale community.

5.0 Encourage safe uses of land.

- 5.1 Review and amend zoning, subdivision and site development regulations to incorporate safety provisions.
- 5.2 Formulate building and fire safety inspection programs of buildings and premises to identify fire and other safety hazards.

6.0 Inhibit crime in the Oakdale community.

- 6.1 Encourage residential development sites to locate in such a manner as to be easily patrolled by local police.
- 6.2 Develop a street lighting plan for effective street and/or neighborhood illumination.
- 6.3 Encourage the construction of residential development that will allow inhabitants to easily view children play areas.
- 6.4 Promote the abandonment of inadequate City alleys.

7.0 Promote a healthy community.

- 7.1 Encourage the use of safe recreation facilities and equipment within the community.
- 7.2 Encourage the reduction of pollution in our environment.
- 7.3 Encourage adequate medical services for all people of the community.

8.0 Promote the protection of the community from the effects of disasters.

- 8.1 Develop and utilize an Emergency/Disaster Plan.

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